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DoD/VA Healthcare Resource Sharing

How to Write a Sharing Agreement

Sharing Knowledge: Achieving Breakthrough Performance

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What is Covered



- Authority to Share
- Why We Share
- What We Share
- How We Get There
- Relationship Building
- Barriers to Sharing
- Review Process



“It’s incredibly important to look at how we’re going to work with the VA, not just pass our patients over to the VA.”

Admiral Mike Mullen
Chairman, JCS
MHS Conf, 25 Jan 2010



DoD/VA Sharing: Authority



- National Defense Authorization Act 2003

The two Secretaries shall: Develop a joint strategic vision statement and a joint strategic plan to shape, focus, and prioritize the coordination and sharing efforts among the appropriate elements of the two Departments.

DoD/VA Sharing: Legislation

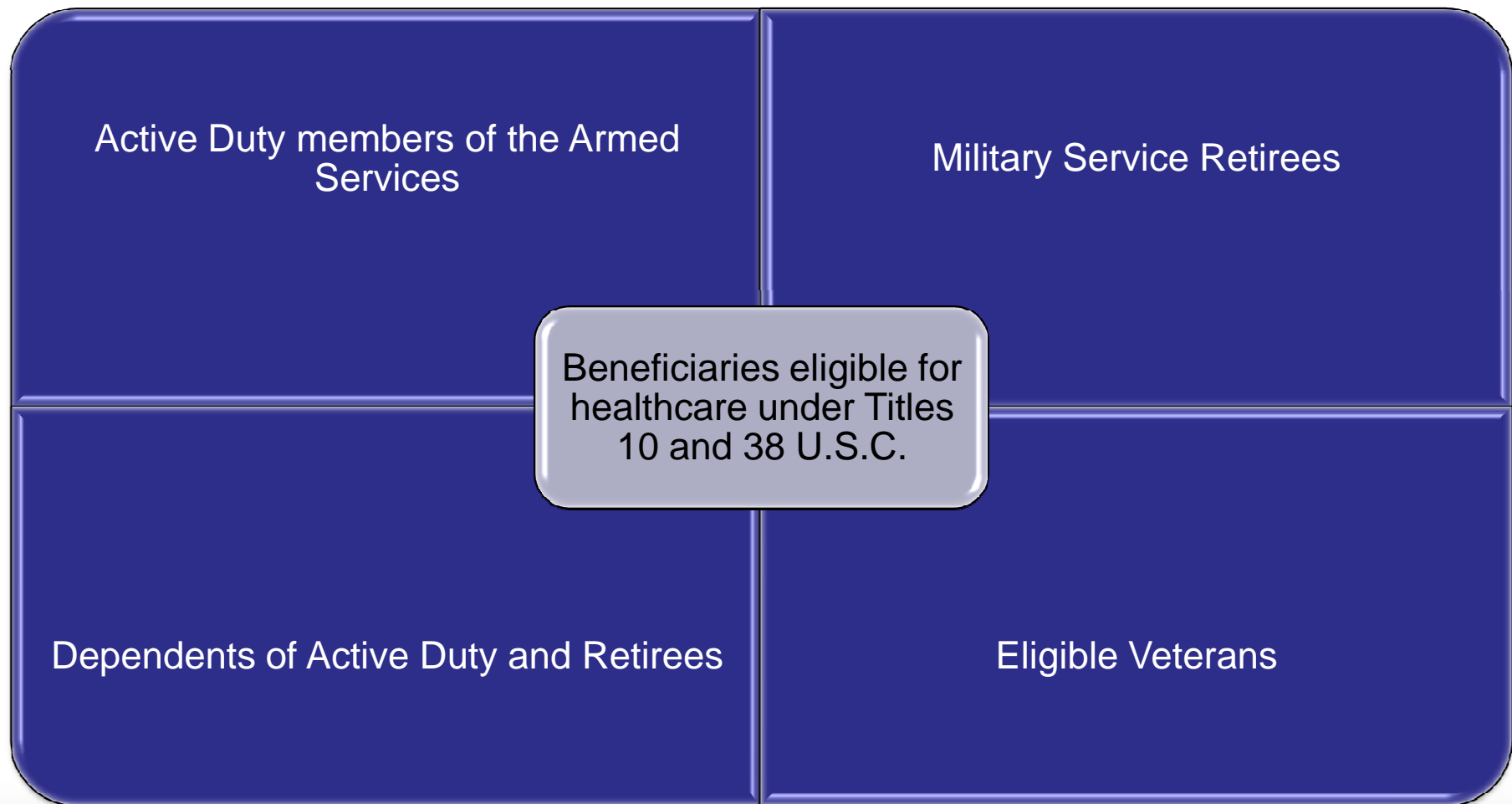


- Program Authority:
 - Public Law 97-174
 - Public Law 107-314
 - Title 38, Section 8111
 - Title 10, Section 1104
 - DoD Instruction 6010.23
 - Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Resource Sharing Program
 - VHA Handbook 1660.4 - VA-DOD Health Care Resources Sharing

DoD/VA Sharing: Legislation



Under a sharing agreement...



Other Interested Parties....



Service Surgeons General



Health Affairs



VA



GAO



OMB



Special Interest Groups



Congress



The President

Other Government Activities and TRICARE



- DoD Instruction 4000.19, Interservice and Intergovernmental Support is *NOT* intended to be used
- VA-DOD direct sharing agreements and VA-TRICARE activities have evolved into distinct activities

Why We Share



- Program Purpose:
 - Promote and develop collaborative partnerships that enhance the cost-effective use of Federal healthcare resources, maximize the shared use of resources, and benefit both VA and DoD beneficiaries
 - Provide leadership with an alternative for mission success to augment the standard in-house and private sector care options

How We Share



- DoD and VA medical facilities may enter into sharing agreements covering any healthcare-related activity
- Agreements may be local, regional, or national
- Sharing agreements cannot negatively impact your ability to take care of your beneficiaries...
Mission requirements must still be met

How We Share



- IM/IT agreements resulting in changes to Enterprise systems must be approved at the office responsible for that system
- The agreement is the only legal document required for the formalization and implementation of DoD/VA Resources Sharing Agreements



How To Get There

Establishing a DoD/VA Sharing Agreement

- First make contact
- Identify potential areas of collaboration:
 - Would a collaborative expansion within a specialty clinic work?
 - Do your specialists require a more complex caseload?
 - Examine your leakage reports...would the VA or DoD be cheaper?
 - Do either of you need additional space due to a renovation project?
 - Involve the professional staff in identifying opportunities

Getting There



- Address the issues that come with sharing
 - Dual eligibility, base access, joint commission, credentialing
- Identify workload, cost, and resource requirements
 - Reimbursement rates must be consistent with VA/DoD policy
 - Complete the required analyses before making a final decision
 - Make sure the agreement is mutually beneficial

Leadership Responsibilities



- Negotiate sharing agreements beneficial to all entities
- Enforce reimbursement guidance
- Ensure actions taken are in accordance with appropriate regulations, directives, etc.
- Ensure VA/DoD sharing activities are captured in the strategic and business planning processes



Service-Specific Requirements

	Army	Navy	Air Force	VHA
Approval Authority	RMC w/notification of action to MEDCOM and OTSG	BUMED w/processing through regional commands	AF/SG3 (Local for renewals) w/processing through AFMSA/SG3S	VHA w/processing through VISN
Business Case/Cost Analyses	X	X	X	X (RM)
POC Information	X	X	X	X
Other Requirements			Currency and Readiness Case Analyses	

Success is Dependent Upon:



Communication

Leadership support

Trust and shared risk

Creatively identifying sharing opportunities

- Start small and start early

Mutually beneficial relationships

Infrastructures that support sharing

Maximizing resources



So Why Is This Important?

- It is highly probable you will be involved at some level with VA/DoD Sharing:
 - Treating veterans and DoD beneficiaries in both healthcare systems
 - Representing your unit in negotiating a sharing agreement or joint incentive fund
 - Purchasing supplies and equipment from joint VA/DoD contracts
 - Assisting with the transition of injured or ill warriors to veteran status
 - Identifying and treating PTSD patients
 - Providing input to stakeholders' audits and surveys

VA/DoD Information Sources



AMEDD: <http://vadodrs.amedd.army.mil>

AF: <https://kx.afms.mil/dodvasharing>

VA: <http://vaww.dodcoordination.va.gov/>

Navy: <http://www.med.navy.mil/bumed/dodva/pages/>

Back-up Slides



Sending the Agreement for Approval (Navy)



- Completed Agreements are forwarded by MTF Commanders to their BUMED Regional Command
- The agreements are reviewed & endorsed by the Regional Command & forwarded to BUMED HQ for approval
- Approval authority for all DoD/VA sharing agreements resides with BUMED (M3/5 and M8)
- Reimbursement guidance is provided by the DoD/VA Health Executive Council

Sending the Agreement for Approval (Air Force)



- After AF/SG3 gives approval to proceed...then
 - Obtain signatures locally on VA Form 10-1245c
- The participating VISN or VA Medical Center (VAMC) Director must send the proposed sharing agreement along with the signed “.pdf” 10-1245c to VA-DoD Liaison and Sharing Office; AF MTF must send to AFMSA/SG3S
 - Once approved an agreement number is entered in block 1 of the 10-1245c and returned to the originator

Sending the Agreement for Approval (VISN)



- Completed Agreements are forwarded by VA Medical Center Director to their VISN
 - The agreements are reviewed and forwarded by the VISN to the VA Sharing Office for approval*
 - Reimbursement guidance is provided by the DoD/VA Health Executive Council
 - VISNs will also maintain listings of agreements
- * Check with your VISN

DoD/VA Joint Database



- The Veteran's Health Administration (VHA) and DoD created a Joint VA/DoD Sharing Agreement Database
- VHA maintains the Joint VA/DoD Sharing Agreement Database
- All approved sharing agreements are housed and monitored by VA and DoD